THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1979, the small scale units exempted from seeking price approvals under Para 13 and 14 are free to market their products through any other agency.

(b) and (c) The issue of exemption limit of Rs. 50 lakhs sales turnover and the prevailling practice of medium and large scale drug companies marketing the products of exempted companies are now under active examination of the Government.

Augmenting resources for development of petroleum sector

*257. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for augmenting resources for development of petroleum sector, the Oil Industry (Development) Act was passed in 1974 to collect cess on domestic oil production;

(b) if so, what was the amount collected during each of the last three years and how much of it has been diverted to meet the deficit of the General Budget; and

(c) what is the likely impact thereof on the three new grassroot refineries at Karnal, Mangalore and Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the sabha.

Statement

(b) (i) The amount of cess on crude oil collected during each of the last three years was:

	(Rs. in crores)
1984-85 . .	843.53
1985-86 . .	872.92
1986-87 . .	981.30(provisional)

(ii) In accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Act, the entire proceeds of cess are required to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Government may, if Parliament by appropriation made by law in this behalf so provides, pay to the Oil Industry Development Fund such sums of money as it may think fit. In view of this, no diversion may be said to have taken place.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil wells drilled at Nariman, Kovilkalappal

*258. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many oil wells were drilled by ONGC at Nariman, Kovilkalappal etc. in Cauvery basin in Palk Bay till now;

(b) how many of these wells were found to contain oil, and gas indicating the estimated reserves and the depth of each well, and also the date when oil/gas were found therein;

(c) what had been the expenditure involved in respect of each well, and the total cost so involved;

(d) whether oil drilling operation has been resumed in those wells where it was suspended earlier; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the ONGC is likely to start commercial production from these wells and what are the future expansion plans in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) So far, 30 onland and 19 offshore wells have been drilled in Cauvery Basin at a total cost of about Rs. 58 crores (excluding cost of some wells that is under compilation).

(b) and (c) Out of these, oil/gas has been found in 7 onland and 6 offshore wells. Details are as follows:

Well No.	Depth (metres)	Status	Date of Discovery	Cost (Rs. in lak
Onland				
1 Karaikal-1	1771	Oil	February/March, 1965.	24.63
2 Karaikal-10	1672	Oil	June/July, 1976	122·85
3 Madnam-1	1686	Gas	September, 1969	32·98
4 Koviklallapal-1	1766	Oil	January, 1985	218.46
5 Narimanam-1	2321	Oil & Gas	July, 1985	199·33
6 Narimanam-2*	2137	Oil	January, 1987	..
7 Kovilkallapal-4*	1750	Oil	April, 1987	..
Offshore				
1 PY-1-1 . . .	1705	Gas	July, 1980	215.55
2 PY-1-2 . . .	1750	Gas	August, 1980	170·60
3 PY-1-4* . . .	2002	Oil & Gas	September, 1982	..
4 PY-1-5* . . .	2552	Gas	November/December, 1982	..
5 PY-3-1 . . .	3530	Gas	September/October, 1980	422·89
6 PH-9-1 . . .	3425	Oil	August, 1981	647.24
			TOTAL	2054·53

* cost under compilation.

The total geological reserves of Cauvery Basin as on 1.1.86 are estimated at 6.32 million tonnes of oil and 2899.6 million cubic metres of gas.

(d) and (e) Drilling operations were not suspended in any of the wells in Cauvery Basin. Therefore, the question of resumption of drilling and commencement of commercial production from such wells do not arise. Future expansion plans in these areas will depend on the results of exploration programme and extended testing of the wells.

पेनिसिलीन-जी प्रपुंज औषधि का आयात

*259. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले वर्ष से लेकर 31 मार्च, 1987 तक देश में कुल कितनी मात्रा में पेनिसिलीन-जी प्रपुंज औषधि का आयात किया गया है ;

(ख) किन-किन कम्पनियों को ये आयात लाइसेंस दिये गये हैं, आयातित मात्रा का ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ;